REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant elects Group I , claim 1-13 with traverse because there is a technical relationship between the separately grouped claims.

Under the ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT, page AI-58, which is available as Annex B to APPENDIX T of the MPEP, if there is a technical relation between the separately grouped claims, restriction should not be required. In this case, the separately grouped claims all use the same adhesive and this is a sufficient technical basis on which to link the claims. For these reasons, it is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and an action be given on all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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